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Night Sky & Solar Viewing Program on Saturday, October 1. The moon will be located on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere. <https://www.nps.gov/biso/planyourvisit/astronomy.htm>

Historic Rugby will Host a Screening of *Generations*, on Saturday, October 8 in Rugby's Rebecca Johnson Theatre at 5 pm (ET) and also a screening of *The Obed: Find Yourself Here*. The movies will be followed by a reception.

Centennial Challenges:

- **Rails to Trails on Saturday, October 8.** Meet at 10:45 a.m. (ET) at Stearns Depot in KY and board the Big South Fork Scenic Railway to Blue Heron. Our adventure will continue on a moderate, 3.8-mile hike to Dick Gap Overlook. We'll eat lunch and then head down to board the train back to Stearns. Make your train reservations at 800-462-5664 or www.bsfsry.com.
- **Honey Creek Loop on Saturday, October 15.** Meet a park ranger at the Honey Creek Loop Trailhead at 9 am (ET) for an all day 5.7 mile strenuous hike. Honey Creek Loop holds some of our most rugged terrain and it will take your breath away with its beauty.
- **Bike Chestnut Ridge Mountain Bike Trail on Saturday, October 29.** Meet a park ranger at Chestnut Ridge Trailhead in KY at 10 am (ET). Bring the family and mtn bikes for an easy ride to John Muir Overlook and see evidence of the once thriving No Business Community. Bike rentals can be made through Borderland Expeditions at borderlandexpeditions.com or 844-344-2109.



Happy 40th Birthday Obed WSR! The National Wild and Scenic Rivers System was created by Congress to preserve certain rivers with outstanding natural, cultural, and recreational values in a free-flowing condition for the enjoyment of present and future generations. Obed is Tennessee's only Wild & Scenic River and was designated on October 12, 1976.

Rock Creek Campground now by Reservation. Starting October 1, visitors can reserve, in advance, campground sites by phone 877-444-6777, via the internet www.reservation.gov, as well as in person at the Obed Visitor Center.

Come Out for a Fall Colors Hike on Saturday, October 22.

Join a park ranger at the Nemo Picnic Area Parking Lot at 10 am (ET) for a 2.6-mile moderate hike on the Emory River gorge section of the Cumberland Trail. Above the Nemo Picnic Area stands the historic Nemo Bridge, now used by hikers. The trail leaves the picnic area and ascends above the river to a sweeping overlook of

the confluence of the Obed and Emory Rivers.

DYK? There are over 18 miles of hiking trails in the Obed that bring you to special places; overlooks of the river gorge, unique natural features such as Lilly Arch, boulder fields, and spectacular cliff walls. New trail brochures are available at the visitor center and on our website.

Got a 4th Grader in the Family? Have them sign up for the **Every Kid in a Park** year-long pass for free. The pass grants free entry for 4th graders and up to three accompanying adults (or an entire car for drive-in parks) to most federally managed lands and waters, including national parks, forests, wildlife refuges and marine sanctuaries. Visit www.EveryKidinaPark.gov to download the pass and get more information.

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